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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S) : Naomi L. NAKAO  
SERIAL NO. : 10/687,177  
FILED : 10/16/2003  
FOR : Endoscope with Open Channels  
GROUP ART UNIT : 3739  
EXAMINER : Matthew John Kastejna

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Applicant submits hereinbelow a summary of the telephone interview of March 2, 2010 regarding the above-identified application.

### REMARKS

During a telephone interview on March 2, 2010 among the applicant, the Examiner, and the undersigned attorney for application, it was agreed that the prior art would be avoided if independent claims 50 and 51 were amended to include the limitation that a groove be provided on the closure member and/or the endoscope insertion shaft, the other member (endoscope shaft or closure member) being insertable into the groove to removably attach the closure member to the endoscope shaft. It was further agreed that specific language would be inserted into the claims by Examiner's Amendment. It was further agreed that the withdrawn, non-elected claims would be canceled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of the telephone interview and for his assistance in putting the claims into an allowable condition.

Respectfully submitted,

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